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THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN:—" (a) The answer is in the negative.

" (b) The answer is in the negative."

Educational concessions to converts from depressed class Hindus.

* 124 Q.—MR. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Legal Departments be pleased to refer to the debates in the Legislative Council on 25th March 1929 and the answer given to my question No. 224 on 10th August 1929 as to educational concessions to depressed classes and converts to Christianity from them and to state—

(a) what development has taken place in regard to such concessions in Government, local board, municipal and aided schools;

(b) what grievances have been brought to the notice of Government in regard to educational concessions to Christian converts from the depressed classes—new converts as well as descendants of old converts; and

(c) what action Government have taken to redress the grievances, if any?

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN:—" (a) No change has taken place in regard to the concessions covered by the answer to the interpellation asked on the 10th August 1929.

" (b) & (c) Besides the concessions referred to above, district boards and municipal councils may, at their discretion, grant full-fee concessions to schedule castes pupils reading in their secondary schools. Representations have been received regarding the extension of these optional fee concessions to converts from scheduled castes. The Government have ordered that where such concessions were actually enjoyed, but were recently withdrawn, they should be restored to the pupils concerned."

MR. J. A. SALDANHA:—" May I know whether this rule of concession to the Christian converts from the depressed classes applies to the old and new converts alike—I mean to the descendants of the old converts?"

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN:—" The answer is exactly what is stated in the answer; I cannot further amplify it."

Government control over foreign lotteries and sweepstakes.

* 125 Q.—MR. J. A. SALDANHA: With reference to the answers given on 15th August 1938 to my questions Nos. 4 and 5, will the Hon. the Minister for Courts and Prisons be pleased to